

New Plymouth City Council Meeting
MONDAY
03 December 2012
7:00pm
New Plymouth City Council Chambers (Library)

On the 3rd of December 2012 the New Plymouth city council meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 pm by Mayor Joe Cook. Roll call was taken with council members Mayer, Warnke, York, and Esplin in attendance.

Staff members in attendance were Beth Ann Christensen, Danielle Painter, and Beau Ziemer. Andy Gehrke from Holladay Engineering was present.

Regular Agenda – **Councilwomen Mayer moved to approve regular agenda. Councilman York seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Consent Agenda – **Councilwomen Mayer moved to approve the consent agenda. Councilman York seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion**

Old Business

Review of City Contract Services – Councilman Esplin stated he would like to review certain city contracts. He gave an option of putting City Contract Services back out to bid in January 2013. Councilwomen Mayer suggested rather than just selecting a few of the contract services to be put out to bid, to put all contracts and have them open to bid. Councilman York suggested a workshop be held to discuss all Contract Services to go through them as a council. Then decide at that time which contracts to put up to bid. City Clerk and Public Works Superintendent would need to be at the workshop as well. **Councilwomen moved to have all city contract services put out to re-bid. Councilman Esplin seconded the motion. Councilman York and Councilman Warnke opposed the motion. Mayor Cook made the final decision with having a workshop to review all city contract services on December 17th at 6pm.**

Agreement Review Internet Truckstop Parking Lot #2 – Beau Ziemer updated the council on the Planning and Zoning Meeting that the Conditional Use Permit was approved with contingencies. The P&Z commission would like Council to approve Agreement. Also within one year, Internet Truckstop will need to apply for zone change. **Councilman York moved to have the agreement approved and signed by the Mayor. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

QRU to move into different Fire Bay – Jolene Shipley spoke on behalf of QRU. QRU would like to move into the last two bays of the fire department and would like council to either approve or deny the move. Jolene stated they QRU does not need to move and this would save the money if they could just stay where they are currently located. Beau Ziemer added that if they did switch bays and put up a wall, that the City would not reimburse QRU for any upgrades that they did to the bay. **Councilman York moved to have QRU stay in the current bay location that they are in. Councilwomen Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Update on Library plans for Fire Bay – Amy Gibbons discussed her ideas with council on the layout of the new Library. She asked the Council to review the plans and mark up what they would like to change. Councilman Esplin asked where are these costs going to come from and Amy informed that USDA is meeting with her on December 12th at 2:30 pm to discuss grants and loans. Amy has already written up two grants to other entities.

Public Works plans on Fire Bay – Beau Ziemer informed council that he has currently filled up the bays

with surplus items. He has a set of Library drawings and has started marking up what he would like to have done with the space. Beau informed the council that the space he is using in the fire bays is temporary.

New Business

Approval of Surplus List – **Councilman Esplin motion to surplus. Councilman York seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the favor of the motion.**

No Parking – Holly Ave. – In the Transportation Master Plan there is no street side parking on Holly Ave. until you get to Elm St. Beau requested a motion to approve no parking signs on Holly Ave.

Councilwomen Mayer motion to approve no parking signs are put up on Holly Avenue. Councilman Warnke seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the favor of the motion.

Loan to Street Department – Beau Ziemer would like the council to clarify the repayment of the loan to the street department. The resolution was written leaving out part of the motion that approved the signing. In the motion, repayment of the sanitation funds is not required, this is not written in the resolution. The payment terms that are written in the resolution are in no way possible to meet. It was Councilman Esplin's understanding that the street fund was not paying back the general fund. Beau called to Bert's office to discuss this with him and he is out for surgery. Mayor Cook asked the council if they would be opposed to holding off on this discussion until Bert has gotten a chance to review Beau's recommendations.

Councilwomen moved to table Loan to Street Department Discussion until Beau has heard back from Bert Osborn. Councilman Esplin seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Public Libraries, Council Member – Amy Gibbons invited some advocates of the Library to come and speak on behalf of the expansion of the Library. Jennifer Oliver asked the council what were there thoughts on expanding the Library. Councilman Esplin was the first to respond and stated that the Library is fascinating for the Community however he does not agree with the Library budget being larger than the street budget. Councilman Esplin stated that New Plymouth streets fund receives about \$35,000 a year and the Library fund receives \$47,000 a year, therefore it does not make sense to have a Library that people can't drive to because we don't have streets that can hold cars. As you drive down some of the streets that are falling apart, and do not have sidewalks for children to walk on, Esplin does not see how we can take tax payers money and spend more money on a Library than we do on streets. Councilwomen Mayer stated that is all just boils down to how much the Library Expansion is going to cost. Jennifer Oliver asked the council to look at the benefits the Library brings to the city and keep that in mind in further review of the Expansion. Cora Kurth also spoke on behalf of the Library. She stated that she comes to the Library once a week to check out books for her day care. She also stated that with the Economy the way it is, people can't afford to have computers and internet in there home, so it is nice to have computers available at the Library for students and parents to work on resumes or etc. Cora Kurth agreed with Councilman Esplin on the money situation but another way to look at it is, if you want to go somewhere bad enough, you don't care what the roads are like to get there. Cathy Myers approached the council next and explained that in the Library board meeting it was noticed that the Library does not have liaison on the Council for the Library it is also stated in the Idaho Statues that Library must have one. Councilman York volunteered to be the liaison for the Library. **Councilman Esplin moved to have Councilman York the liaison for Library. Councilwomen Mayer seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

III-A Insurance – Council was informed of the legal issues going on with our medical insurance. Stan Clements explained the consequences of signing on to this group insurance in the beginning. City of New Plymouth has a three year contract with the III-A and if the current invoice of \$10,800 is not paid by December 6th, we will have to pay 1 years premiums as penalty and find a different insurance carrier. If we chose to terminate this contract, City of New Plymouth would still have to pay the one year's premium as a penalty. The council requested to be kept up to date on the III-A progress. **Councilman Esplin moved to pay the \$10,800 invoice to the III-A. Councilman York seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.**

Mayor and Council Comments

Adjournment

Councilwomen Mayer moved to adjourn the council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Esplin. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:11 pm.

Joe Cook, Mayor

Danielle Painter, City Clerk